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# Biomass Resource Feedstock Supply

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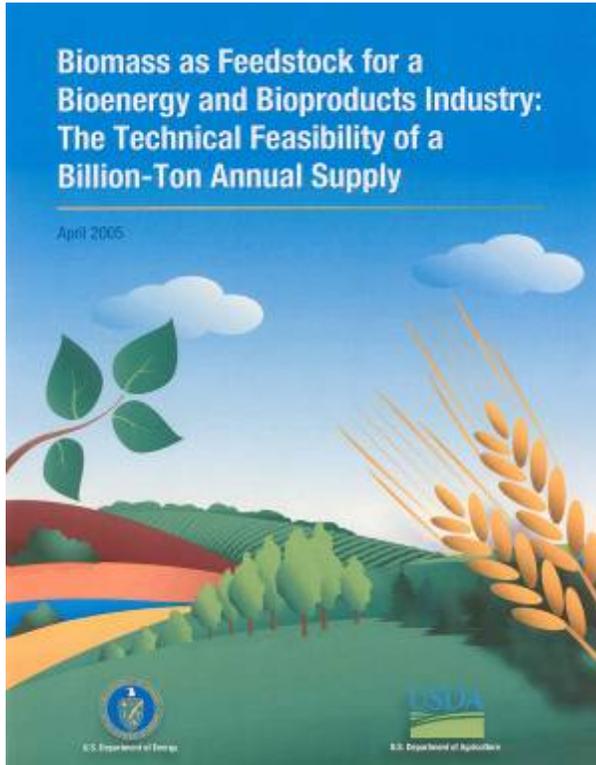
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# Biorefining Industry Goals

[http://feedstockreview.ornl.gov/pdf/billion\\_ton\\_vision.pdf](http://feedstockreview.ornl.gov/pdf/billion_ton_vision.pdf)



Displace 30% of Gasoline by 2030,  
or 60 billion gals./year



1.3 B tons/yr  
Biomass Potential  
in the U.S.

Syngas Platform

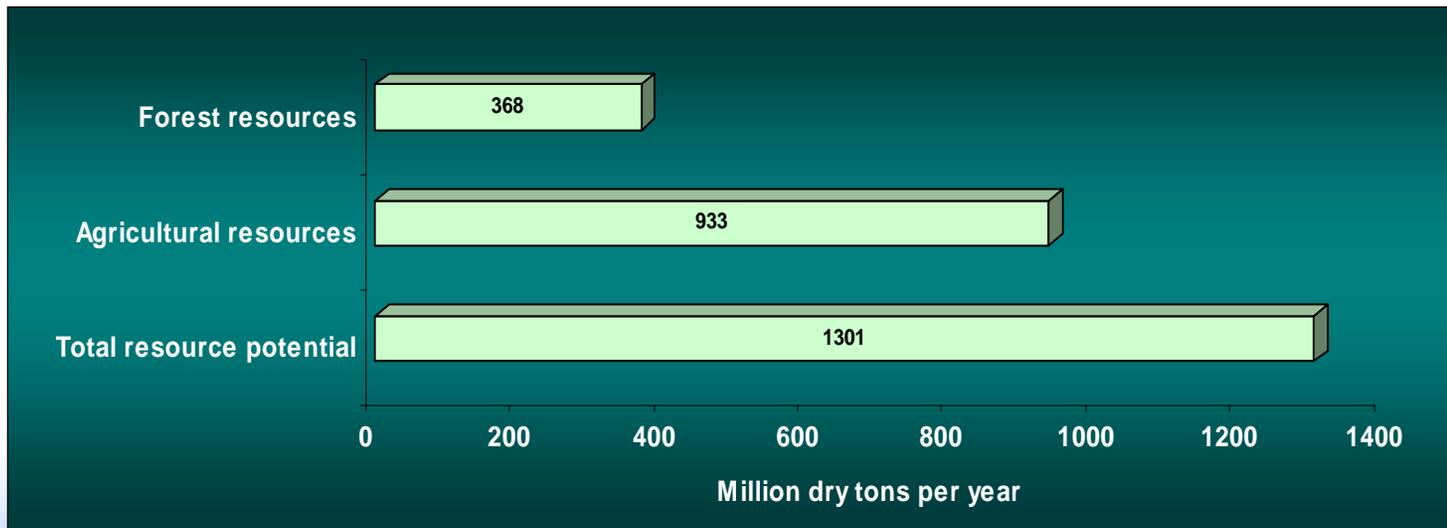
Sugar Platform



# Enough Biomass for the US ?

Are there sufficient resources to meet 30% of the Country's petroleum requirements ?

- Land resources of the U.S. could sustainably supply more than 1.3 billion dry tons/yr and still continue to meet food, feed, and export demands – based on the scenarios
- Realizing this potential will require R&D, policy change, stakeholder involvement
- Required changes seem reasonable given current trends

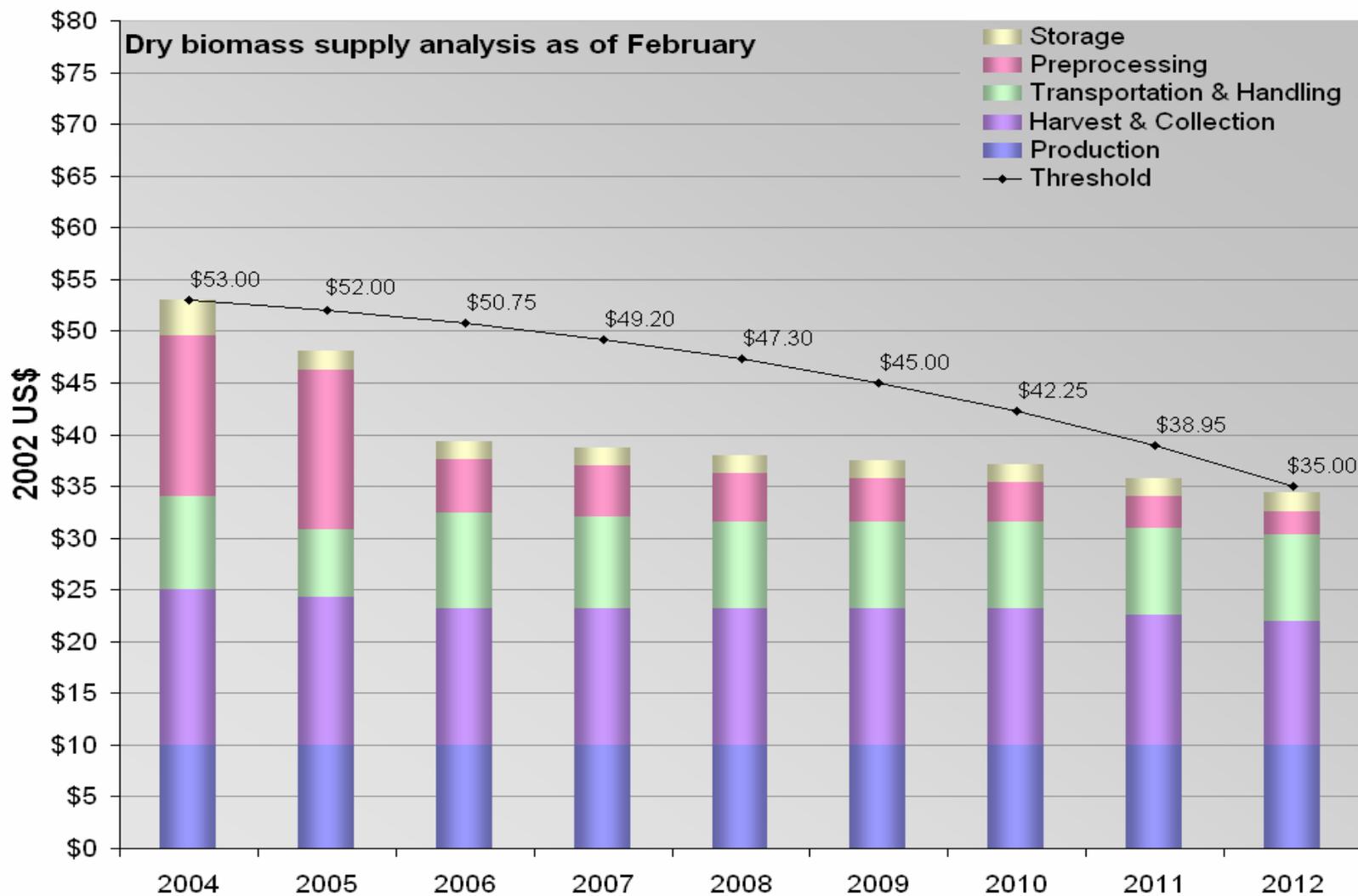


# Lignocellulosic Feedstock Supply Types

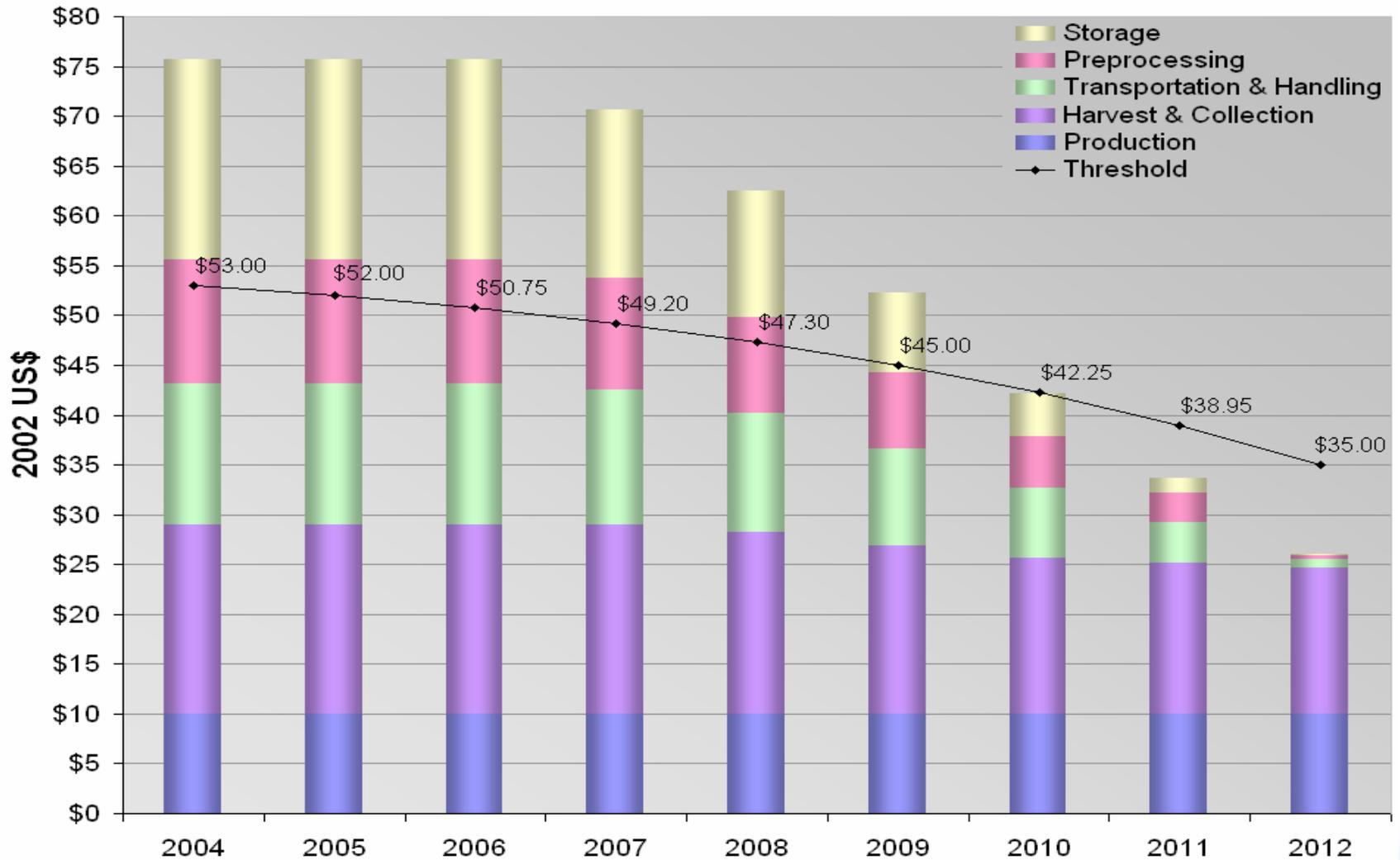
- Dry – Agriculture Residues/Crops at less than 15% moisture
- Wet - Agriculture Residues/Crops greater than about 50% moisture
- Energy Crops – Wet and Dry
- Woody – Forest resources



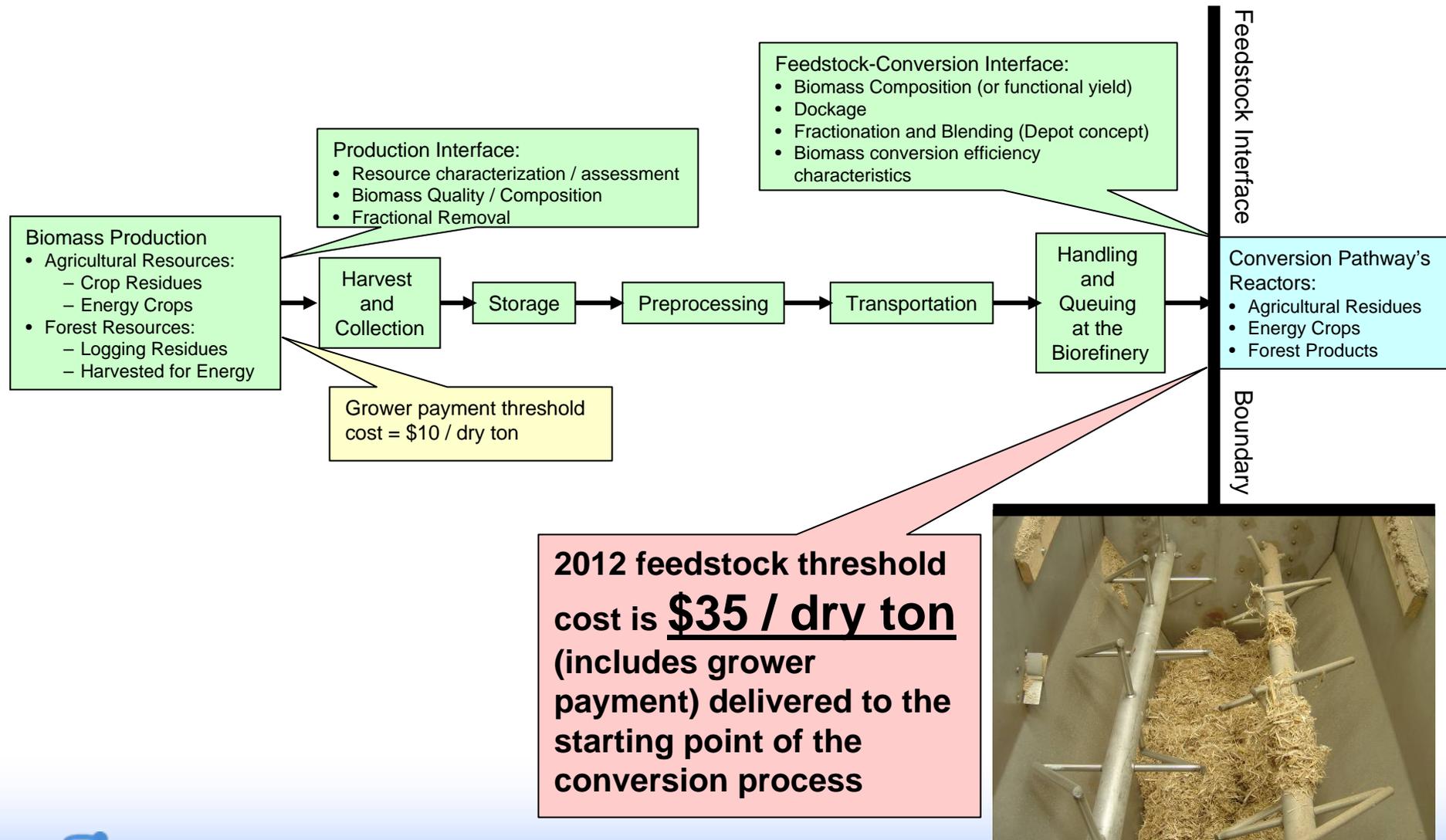
# Feedstock Cost Reduction by Cost Elements (Dry)



# Feedstock Cost Reduction by Cost Elements (Wet)



# Feedstock Cost Target and Interface Point



# Supply System Models and Business Elements



Distributed On-farm Storage



*Bale-Based Feedstock Supply System*



*Bulk Feedstock Supply System*



Bales or other formats



Agriculture

Centralized Agri-business Storage



Agri business



# Supply System Case Study: Idaho

- Resource Assessment:
  - Feedstock: Cereal Straw
  - Moisture: 15.0%
- Feedstock Demand: 800,000 ton/yr biorefinery
- Location:
  - No residue removal constraints
  - Road Limits: 115 ft., 105,500 GVW
- Bottom Line Delivered Feedstock Cost:  
\$45.22/dry ton (2006 \$) , includes \$10.00  
payment to grower

# Supply System Design: Bulk System

## Bulk Operations Field Equipment

- Deere 3280 Tractor
- Hesston 4910 Bailer
- Stinger Stacker 6500
- Caterpillar TH220B Telehandler
- Daimond Z 1460B Grinder
- Kenworth T800 Series Tractor
- Trinity Eagle 42' Trailers
- Various ½, ¾ and 1 ton trucks



# Baling

Installed Capital Costs	Capital Costs per Year	Operating Costs per Year	Labor Costs per Year	Total Costs per Year	Feedstock Costs (\$/dry ton)
\$28,495,508	\$3,679,047	\$3,321,665	\$555,944	\$7,556,656	\$11.11*

## Notable Parameters:

- 4'x4'x8' bales
- Six string
- 1000 lbs per bale
- 7.8 lbs/ft<sup>3</sup>
- No bale accumulator
- 1.88 tons/acre
- Windrow from 30 ft swath



# Field side Stacking (Roadsiding)

Installed Capital Costs	Capital Costs per Year	Operating Costs per Year	Labor Costs per Year	Total Costs per Year	Feedstock Costs (\$/dry ton)
\$7,413,024	\$565,560	\$585,703	\$237,339	\$1,388,603	\$2.04*

## Notable Parameters:

- Stinger collects from field and stacks field-side
- Stack 1-wide, 4-high
- 1 stack for each quarter-section
- Stack size: 300 tons



# Storage

Installed Capital Costs	Capital Costs per Year	Operating Costs per Year	Labor Costs per Year	Total Costs per Year	Feedstock Costs (\$/dry ton)
\$0	\$0	\$1,449,760	\$0	\$1,449,760	\$2.13*

## Notable Parameters:

- No payroll labor costs
- Operating costs include 5.0% shrinkage for arid climate
- Cost includes insurance and land rent



# Preprocessing (Field-side Grinding)

Installed Capital Costs	Capital Costs per Year	Operating Costs per Year	Labor Costs per Year	Total Costs per Year	Feedstock Costs (\$/dry ton)
\$6,848,009	\$996,468	\$2,778,419	\$1,338,388	\$5,113,276	\$7.52*

## Notable Parameters:

- Twine ground with bales
- Bulk density = 11.50 lbs/ft<sup>3</sup>
- Capacity = 26 tons/hr



# Bulk Biomass Transportation

Installed Capital Costs	Capital Costs per Year	Operating Costs per Year	Labor Costs per Year	Total Costs per Year	Feedstock Costs (\$/dry ton)
\$11,965,758	\$1,288,639	\$3,054,188	\$2,368,213	\$6,711,040	\$9.87*

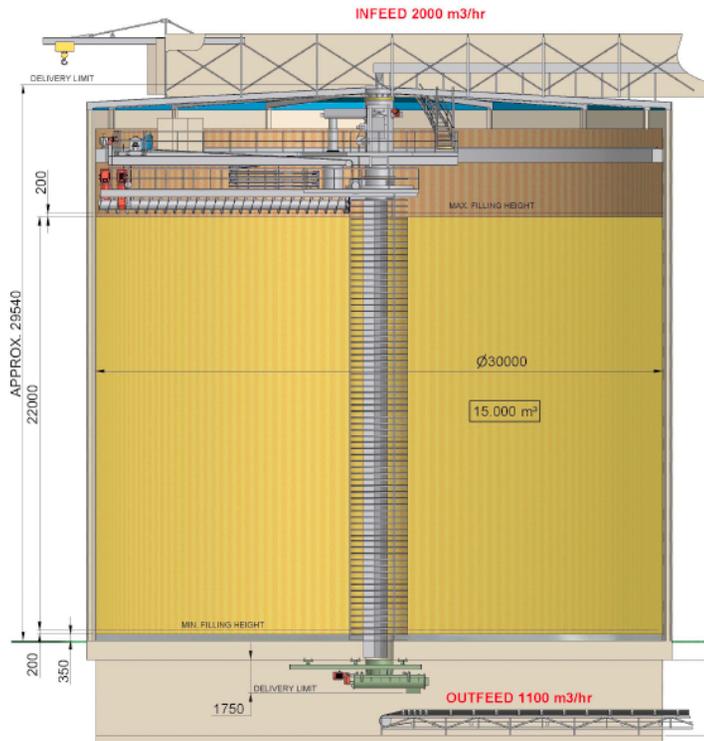
## Notable Parameters:

- Double 42' trailers with 4' side extensions
- Truck volume = 5,022 ft<sup>3</sup>
- Truck net wt. = 57,753 lbs
- Loads always tarped





# Bulk Biomass Queuing



- Storage in commercial bins will not work due to arching, ratholing, consolidation
- Alternatives:
  - Queing pile
  - Eurosilobunker

## Eurosilobunker Advantages

- Fully enclosed (dust, moisture)
- Material flowability not an issue
- Fully automated
- Simultaneous fill/discharge
- Blending capability

# Management Structure (Overhead)

Start up Capital Costs	Start up Equipment Costs	Total First Year non-Labor Costs	First Year Labor Costs	Total First Year Costs	First Year Feedstock Costs (\$/dry ton)
\$1,080,200	\$457,940	\$1,538,140	\$1,560,726	\$3,098,866	\$3.87*

## Overhead Capital:

- Office Buildings
- Laboratory Building
- Shop
- Vehicles

## Overhead Equipment:

- Office
- Laboratory Analysis
- Tools

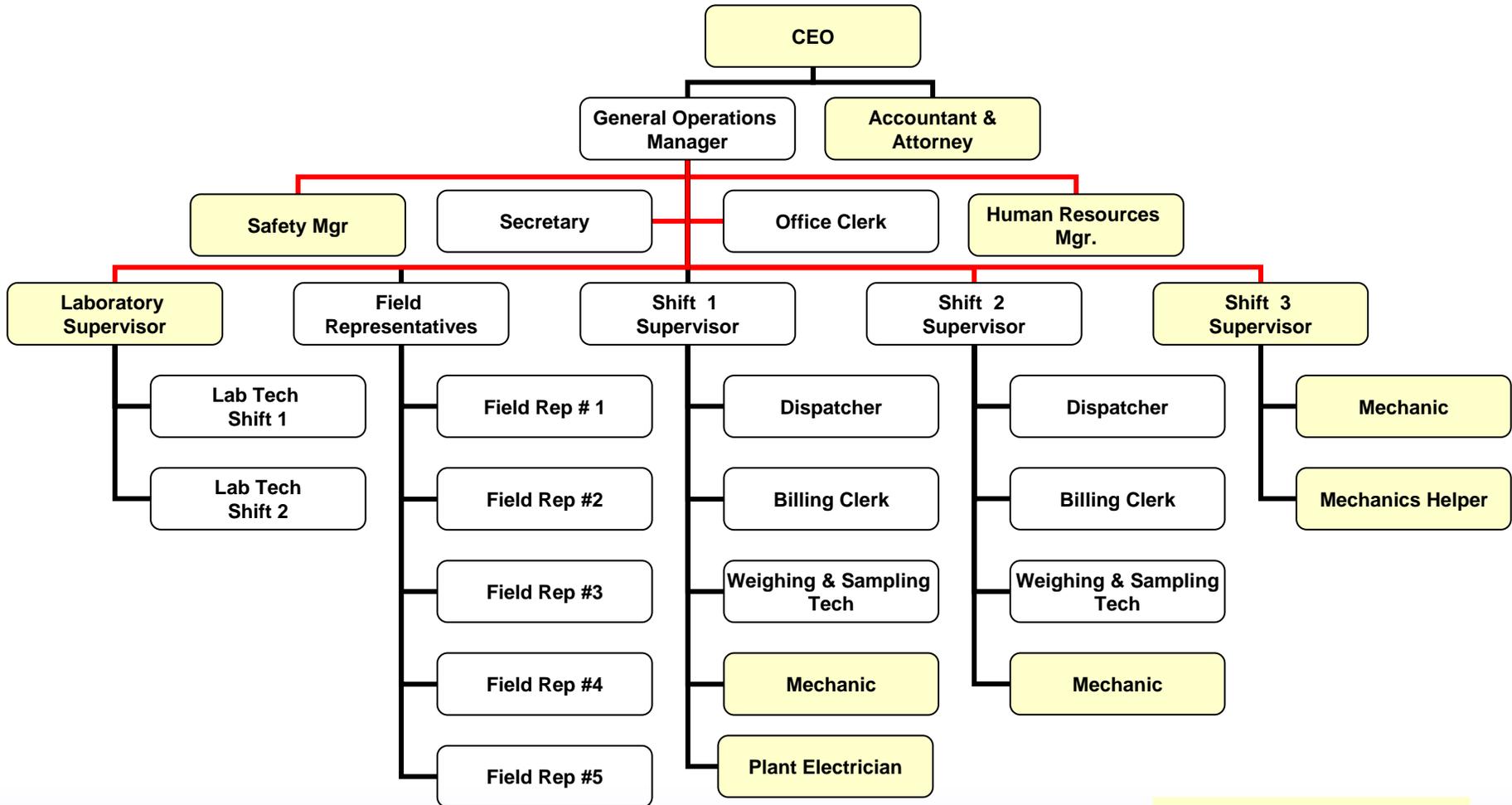
## Overhead Personnel (Labor):

- Chief Executive
- General Operations Manager
- Field Rep's – Biomass Buyers
- Secretary
- Office Clerk
- HR Person
- Safety Engineer
- Accountant (1/2 Time)
- Attorney (1/4 Time)
- Billing Clerks (1/shift)
- Dispatchers (1/shift)
- Shift Supervisors (1/shift)
- Weighing & Sampling Techs (1/shift)
- Mechanics (1/shift)
- Electrician
- Mechanic's Helper (3<sup>rd</sup> Shift Only)
- Laboratory Manager
- Laboratory Technicians (1/shift)

**Cost Data Presented Does Not Include Profit Estimates nor Profit/Equity Sharing Assumptions**

\*Estimated out year overhead = \$2.45 / dry ton

# Management and Overhead Organization



Yellow Boxes are positions that could be shared with the Ethanol Plant operations

# QA/QC Analysis (Overhead)

## Purpose

- Prioritize and Schedule Grinding Operations
- Feedstock blending throughout the year

## Sample Rate

- Field Samples – 5 individual (1 Composite) per 200 ton stack
- Receiving Samples – 1 per truck

## Facilities, Equipment and Staffing

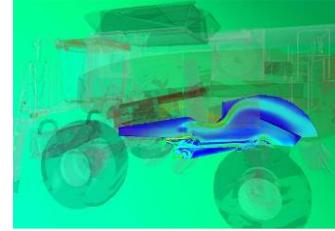
- Facilities: \$198K - 20' X 30' @ \$400/sqft + Office and Storage 20' X 30' @ \$150/sqft
- Equipment: \$310K (startup) NIR Spectrometers, Balances, Vacuum Rifle Splitter, Grinding Mill, Drying Oven, Ro-Tap Shaker, Coring Tools
- Staffing: 1 Lab Manager and 2 Lab Technicians

## Analysis

- Moisture Content
- Buffering Titrations
- Near Infrared Spectroscopy for Complete Compositional Determination



# Feedstock Fractions Quality



Wet Storage

Dry Storage

Selective Harvest

Preprocessing

**Feedstock value for \$1.07/gal cost target:**

- **Wet storage conditions affecting composition changes created a \$28\* range in feedstock value**
- **Dry storage conditions affecting composition changes created a \$22\* range in feedstock value**
- **Selective harvest composition changes created a \$10\* range in feedstock value**
- **Mechanical Preprocessing and fractionation composition changes created a \$12\* range in feedstock value**

# *Biorefining Depends on Feedstock*

